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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S RETURN FROM CHINA

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1. SUMMARY: AT AN AIRPORT NEWS CONFERENCE HELD IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PEKING, PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH CHARACTERIZED MAURITANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS AS EXCELLENT, PRAISED PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND STATED THAT CHINESE LEADERSHIP SUPPORTS "WITHOUT RESERVATION" ZAIRIAN EFFORTS TO REPULSE AGGRESSORS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT AND MADAME OULD DADDAH AND PARTY OF MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (REF B) RETURNED FROM FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA EARLY MONDAY EVENING APRIL 11. AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL NEWS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT COMMENTED ON SINO-MAURITANIAN RELATIONS, HIS VISIT, CURRENT CHINESE SCENE AND CHINESE SUPPORT OF ZAIRE. IN RESPONSE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTIONS, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH STATED: (A) MAURITANIAN-CHINESE RELATIONS "CAN BE DESCRIBED AS EXCELLENT. THEY WERE ALREADY BEFORE OUR VISIT. TRIP WE JUST MADE TO CHINA AND DISCUSSIONS WE JUST HAD WITH CHINESE LEADERSHIP REINFORCE ONCE AGAIN THESE RELATIONS WHICH AS I'VE SAID BEFORE WERE EXCELLENT". (B) ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA UNDER HUA KUO-FENG: "MY IMPRESSION WAS VERY GOOD.

I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY WAY GREAT CHINESE PEOPLE HAVE MOBILIZED BEHIND THEIR NEW LEADER, PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG, WHO IS BEYOND ALL QUESTION (INCONTESTABLEMENT) THE HEIR TO PRESIDENT MAO TSE-TUNG". (C) RE HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE LEADERSHIP ABOUT EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN AFRICA AND NOTABLY IN ZAIRE, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH STATED: "I HAD EXCHANGES WITH CHINESE LEADERSHIP ABOUT SITUATION WHICH PREVAILS IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA AND PARTICULARLY IN ZAIRE. CHINESE LEADERS SUPPORT WITHOUT RESERVATION STRUGGLE OF ZAIRIAN PEOPLE TO REPEL AGGRESSION AND WILL PROVIDE (APPUIENT) EVERYTHING WHICH CAN HELP OUR ZAIRIAN BROTHERS IN THIS ORDEAL". (D) ON LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FURNISHED BY FRANCE TO MOROCCAN FORCES, PRESIDENT DECLARED MOROCCAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE FALLS IN CATEGORY OF AFRICAN SOLIDARITY AND IS AN EXPRESSION OF THIS SOLIDARITY. MOREOVER, LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPLIED BY FRANCE IS JUSTIFIED IN VIEW OF RELATIONS WHICH LINK FRANCE TO ZAIRE AND TO MOROCCO.

3. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, PRESIDENT MET WITH MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO MAURITANIA. FRONT-PAGE BOX APRIL 12 CHAAB ANNOUNCING THIS MEETING GAVE NO INDICATION OF SUBJECT OR REASON FOR URGENCY.

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